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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of December 10, 2004, please note that the Examiner's first instruction on page 3:

"Replace "the product of step (f)" in step b) of **claim 24** with --- the hybridization product of step (e)---."

mistakenly referred to "claim 24"; it should have referred to "claim 26," and stated:

"Replace "the product of step (f)" in step b) of **claim 26** with --- the hybridization product of step (e)---."

The undersigned attorney spoke with Examiner Lu regarding the above error. Examiner Lu stated that he would correct the error and further stated that Applicants do not need to take further action regarding this error. It is Applicants understanding, therefore, that no amendment is necessary at this time. In the event that the error has not been corrected, Applicants request that the first instruction on page 3 be amended to refer to claim 26.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification (including the Sequence Listing and Abstract) begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.